

St Mary's Parish

Ko Hehu Te Kaiwhakatipu - In Christ We Live and Grow



St Mary's Parish

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**St Mary's Parish Priests can be
contacted by phone –
Fr Manoj – 022 646 2151
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Presbytery – 358 5614**

Please Pray for Our Sick

Lord, grant your healing and consolation to all the sick –

Frances Foley, Jillian Cullinane (Cathryn Harpur's sister), Rita Ameresekera, June McMillan, Tony Keenan, Trish Collis, Terry Walsh, Kathy Fahey, Catherine Walsh, Fr Nicho Verkley (Kopua), Veronica Fenton, Ricardo Miranda, Vinnie Carroll, Edwin Evans, Kath O'Hagan, Shane Hoy, Vincent Chan, Jan Rodgers, Clare McCartney, Sue Fryer, Neil Burton, and all in rest homes and hospital care.

Prayer Chain – please call Sally on 326-9209 if you would like a prayer for a special intention.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased - RIP

Margaret (Peggy) Blandford, Jean Coburn, Colin Bowe, Norah Sutton (Mary's mother), Constance Pullen, Joan Colville, Annette Osborne (Lynaire Minihan's sister), Catherine MacGuinness and Fidelma Cusack in Ireland (sisters of Anne & Michael Gainey), Pat McDonald, Jim Duncan, Denis Fenton.

Anniversaries

Siets Martens 2, Marie Spelman 3, Hebe Hurley 4, Gilbert Brown 7, Noeline Baylis 10, Ellen Lound 12, Jack McCaffery 26, Patrick Kerr 29, Edward Ameresekera 30, Mary Hickey 30.

**Lord, grant a share in your risen glory –
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

If you have a prayer intention for sick members of the family or anniversaries of death, please email these to stmaryspalmy@inspire.net.nz

23rd August 2020

*TODAY IS THE
21st SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME*

Today we have the account of Simon Peter's reply to Jesus' question: "But you who do you say that I am?" (Mtt 16: 15) Simon says: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Mtt 16: 16) It is difficult for us to imagine how significant it would have been for a First Century Jew to make such a statement. It would have demanded a radical transformation of Simon's political/religious/cultural reality. With the messiah having arrived the Scriptures would have been fulfilled and a new age begun. Next Sunday we will hear how the newly nicknamed Peter struggled to deal with the consequences of his statement of faith. For the moment, however, it is helpful for us to realize how the question of Jesus and the answer he was given remain just as radical for us today. If someone of my acquaintance or a television reporter was to ask me "Who do you say Jesus of Nazareth is?", what would I reply? The pressure on me would be even greater if I knew that my career prospects would be damaged or I would expose myself and my family to ridicule and abuse by trolls on social media. In some parts of the world an answer that affirms the messiah-ship of Jesus may even endanger my life and that of those I love most. Yet, as we see in the martyrdom of the Apostles, including St Peter, to believe in Jesus and to stay faithful to him was of greater value than worldly life or prosperity. Faith in Jesus, actualized in the sacraments, is indeed the pearl of great price. Since we have been redeemed from slavery to sin by the blood of Christ let us not hesitate to affirm our faith in him when it is challenged by those around us. Let our presence at Mass be a living witness and prophetic sign that the promises of the Gospel are just as valid in 2020 as they were in the time of St Peter.



**Please continue to pray for the children who
are preparing for their first Holy
Communion.**



Today's Readings –

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

Next Sunday's Readings –

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

If you're unable to attend Mass this weekend, we invite you to watch the 2:00pm televised liturgy on Shine TV: **online at www.shinetv.co.nz, on Freeview 25, or Sky 201.**



CATHOLIC RADIO Frequency AM 999 on Sundays
at 9am Liturgy at 9.30am

ST MARY'S WEBSITE
www.stmaryschurchpn.org.nz
view the bulletin online

CATHOLIC NEWS – focus on NZ and the South Pacific –
read online CathNews New Zealand

Palmerston North Young Family Ministry Facebook page –
https://www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry/?ref=br_rs
Contact: Basia at BMcintosh@pndioocese.org.nz
phone: 021 082 03750.

PN Hospital Chaplains - phone 350 8690 ext. 8690 or email:
chaplains@midcentraldhb.govt.nz

PLANNED GIVING

If you wish to become part of the Planned Giving Programme and donate to the Church by automatic payment, please contact the office or fill in a form available from the foyer and bring into the office. Thank you.

NEWSLETTERS via Email – if you would like to receive our bulletin via email, please send your address to stmaryspalmy@inspire.net.nz

Mass Timetable

24 - 30 August 2020

Monday	Mass	9.00am
Tuesday	Eucharistic Adoration	11.00am
	Mass	12.00pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.00am
Thursday	Mass	9.00am
Friday	Mass	9.00am
Saturday	Mass	9.00am
	Vigil Mass @ Ashhurst	5.00pm
Sunday	Masses	8.30am & 10.30am
	Latin Mass @ Ashhurst	12.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

available after Saturday morning Mass and on request.

MINISTRIES – 30th August

Mass Co-ordinator: T.Kigufi

Sacristan: H.Autagavaia

Greeters: Sae family

Readers: I.Lipson, E.Gibu, A.Abhilash

Altar Servers: D.Denny, B.Joseph, E.Sojan

Offertory: No Offertory

Eucharistic Ministers: I.Bailey, J.Bailey

Junior Liturgy: No junior liturgy

Counters: E.Drury, S.Learmonth

Collectors: No collectors

Hospitality: No hospitality

Altar Linen for September: E.Legg

Floral Arrangers: E.Legg

Prayers: R.Andrew

Cleaners week beginning 30th August: Indian community

COVID – LEVEL 2 – Please continue to listen to the Government updates.

The following requirements for Level 2 apply at this time:

- Our Masses are at **8.30am and 10.30am.**
- Our Masses are limited to 100 at each Mass.
- Please make sure you register to attend Mass online or as you enter for Track and Trace purposes (use the Government app (on the front door) and sign in sheets in the foyer).
- Please make sure you sanitise your hands.
- Social distancing rules apply.
- At the Sign of Peace, people can smile, nod or bow to one another.
- Communion under one kind – hosts, in the hand.
- There will be no collection baskets handed around at the Masses on Sunday – please put your donation in the basket as you enter the church and at the exit door at the right hand side of the church.
- If you are unwell, aged or vulnerable, please make an informed decision about attending Mass. Whatever decision you make, is the right decision.
- The Bishops have once again advised us that there is dispensation of attendance at our Sunday Masses.

MAORI EDUCATION COLLECTION – Sunday 23rd August

Thank you to all who are donating today to this collection. Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. It is timely also to thank the many people who support all sorts of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help out.

PARISH FUNDRAISER - We are planning to run a Raffle which will be drawn on Mission Sunday. We would be grateful for any donations of items that could be raffled. Maybe you could donate your time in service e.g. lawnmowing, window cleaning. Please bring to the parish office or contact us on 358 5614.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP – Kia ora all year 6 to 9 students and your whanau! You are invited to join the youth group **every Friday night from 5.30 – 7pm** at the Diocesan Centre on Amesbury Street. Come along for a night of fun, food and good times! Contact: Bridget bkelly@pndioocese.org.nz

SHINING STARS – **every Thursday**, 9.30am - an invitation to all our little people to come and share some song, dance, and morning tea – Parish Lounge at the Cathedral in Broadway Avenue. Next session is on 27th August.

St VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – **Next Meeting Tuesday 25th August, 5.15pm in the Cathedral Lounge.** *The Op Shop* is in desperate need of children's toys, and warm children's clothing. We are still looking for firewood that can be donated to the needy, please phone Mike Keenan 358 6318 or 021 1858 969. All Welfare requests to the shop 06 357 6779.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY NZ – 6 day Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat – 25th – 30th October, in Auckland, see noticeboard for details.

ST PATRICKS CHURCH KIMBOLTON'S 50th

St Patricks, Kimbolton celebrates 50 years of the 'New Church' on **Sunday 27th September** with Mass 2pm followed by afternoon tea at Hansen's Cafe Kimbolton at a cost of \$17 per person. Please **RSVP by Friday 18th September** to Mary at St Brigid's Parish: 323 3980 or stbrigids@xtra.co.nz. Payments can be made to the parish account: 02 0630 0288037 21 with your name & 'Kimbolton 50th' as references.

INVITATION TO EVENTS – the PN Catholic Community are welcome to attend –

- Every Sunday 2pm, **Life in the Spirit Programme** talk in the Cathedral Diocesan Hall.
- Fridays at 11am (during Level 2) – **Praying the Sunday Gospel** at the Cathedral.
- 7th September, 6pm, **Cathedral Café.** Please book on 357 2891 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday if you wish to attend for a meal.

Let us get to know the Bible - Come and join a group of ladies over a cuppa and enjoy the Word and being encouraged. Tuesdays 1.15pm till school pickups at 540 Albert Street. Enquiries please ring Basia Mcintosh 021 082 03750.

'END OF LIFE CONSIDERATIONS FOR YOU' The NZ Bishops have an Election Statement <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/bishops-statements/the-new-zealand-catholic-bishops-2017-election-statement/> **VOTESAFE.nz** – a new website - www.votesafe.nz - providing information about the End of Life Choice Act and helping New Zealanders vote safe at the binding referendum. www.facebook.com/votesafe.nz **Vote for Life** - www.righttolife.org.nz

WANTED TO RENT – Catholic Family of 4 adults from Levin want a house in PN, if you can assist please phone Ana 021 084 00126 or Atina 021 269 0818.

